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## NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields, fruit port—Stegomyia—Sanitary conditions.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports:

Ten days ended May 22. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week fairly good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of Crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 15	Marietta Di Georgio.....	New Orleans.....	19	3	0
22	Imperator.....	.....do.....	21	18	0

Temperature of personnel and passengers of both vessels taken prior to departure.

The general sanitary conditions of the port are poor. The streets are dirty; garbage and filth stand everywhere. No attempt is made to clean the streets or remove garbage.

Drinking water is scarce, and the natives are compelled to drink well water, which is often unfit for use. Mosquitoes are not numerous, owing to the dry season, the scarcity of cisterns containing water, and the absence of breeding places. All those present are *Stegomyia calopus*. There are no quarantinable diseases.

*Sanitary conditions improved.*

Week ended May 29. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week good. Mosquitoes increasing. Nearly all those observed are *Stegomyia*. There are very few *Anopheles* present.

Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 29	Marietta Di Georgio.....	New Orleans.....	19	3	0

The heavy rains which fell have cleared the port thoroughly, and the garbage heaps and accumulations of filth have all been swept out to sea. The water famine is at an end. Bluefields is now in a better sanitary condition than it has been at any time during the past two months.

The port and surroundings are free from quarantinable diseases.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila—Smallpox—Status of cholera in the provinces—Decreased mortality in Manila, quarter ended March 31, 1909—Inspection of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 26:

Week ended April 24. Thirteen cases of smallpox were reported for the city of Manila.